

# The Bulletin



## National Bar Association Government Lawyers Division Newsletter

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### CHAIRPERSON'S MESSAGE

Greetings! The Government Lawyers Division Executive Board is excited about the events that we have planned for the National Bar Association's 86<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention in Baltimore, MD. This year's Convention will begin on July 31 and end on August 4, 2011. Although the Convention is shorter than in previous years, the planned programs are informative and are sure to provide a full Convention experience of networking and training for you and other attendees.

I hope you will join us for our Division meeting on Monday, August 1 at 5:45 p.m. During this time, the officers will provide news and updates, you will have an opportunity to renew your membership and we will hold our elections for the 2011-2012 term. I encourage you to attend our meeting and to look for ways to become more involved in Division activities. You may even want to consider running for an office!

I am also looking forward to our CLE on Wednesday, August 3 at 2:00 p.m. Our seminar is entitled, "The Ethical Implications of Social Networking for the Government Attorney." Our insightful CLE will provide ethics credit and our panelists will discuss social networking and ethical considerations for the government attorney that communicates through these networks. More information on the CLE can be found below.

I urge you to join our Division or renew your membership in the Division. If you are already a member, we welcome your input and your ideas on how we can better serve you! Hopefully, you will consider getting involved and even run for an office. Feel free to contact me with any questions that you may have. I look forward to seeing you in Baltimore!



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Chairperson

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### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

#### "LIFTING AS WE CLIMB—ENSURING JUSTICE & EQUALITY"

[www.NationalBar.org](http://www.NationalBar.org)

**July 31-August 4, 2011**, NBA 86th Annual Convention, Hilton Baltimore, Baltimore, MD

**Monday, August 1, 2011, 5:45 p.m.**, Government Lawyers Division Annual Meeting, Hilton Baltimore, Room Location TBD

**Tuesday, August 2, 2011, 9:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.**, NBA Elections: General Voting

**Wednesday, August 3, 2011, 2:00 p.m.**, Government Lawyers Division CLE Seminar, "Ethical Implications for Social Networking for the Government Attorney," Hilton Baltimore, Room Location TBD

### MEMBERSHIP

You can join the GLD online; you can also renew your division and NBA memberships on-line. GLD membership is only \$15 per year. Please visit the NBA website at [www.NationalBar.org](http://www.NationalBar.org) for more information.



### GLD Seminar: Social Networking and Government Lawyers, August 3, 2:00-3:30 p.m.

The Internet is an excellent tool for work and play. Join us on Wednesday, August 3 for the GLD Continuing Legal Education (CLE) seminar entitled "Ethical Implications of Social Networking for the Government Attorney," from 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. The CLE panelists are Erin Johnson, Esq., Legislative Assistant to Eleanor Holmes Norton of the U.S. House of Representatives and Arlene Knighten, Attorney Supervisor, Louisiana Department of Insurance. They will address how social networking websites have changed the landscape for networking and research. We will discuss the benefits and pitfalls of this relatively new concept, and the ethical implications for government attorneys.

### GLD Election

Call for candidates! Are you interested in being more involved in YOUR bar association? Have you held a leadership position at the local level and now want to be a national bar leader? Consider running for a GLD Executive Board position – Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer, and Member-at-Large. We need a few good members to help organize seminars, prepare our newsletter, and otherwise share information that will be helpful to our members and others. Any GLD member in good standing is eligible.

